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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 1 April 1991 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

1. During March 1991, troops of the 10th, 14th, 27th and 41st companies of the Khomeini Guard, the 91st brigade and the "Badr" 9th company participated in subversive actions by making vehicles available to the subversive elements to transport them from Iranian territory into Iraqi territory, by evacuating killed and wounded, as well as abandoned equipment, to Iran and by supplying these elements with war matériel. The number of Iranian prisoners held by the Iraqi authorities amounts to 50 (see our letter of 3 March 1991) (S/22439).

2. Kurdish saboteurs detained between 2,000 and 3,000 Iraqi soldiers, including officers, at Darbandikhan, transferred them to the Kuratu region and handed them over, on 19 March 1991, to the Muhammad Baker Hakim group, which operates from Iranian territory.

3. The subversive elements detained 27 Iraqi officers whom they sent back to Iran.

4. They also transferred into Iran from east of Basra, using tank transporters, five Iraqi helicopters.

This information, further to the information provided in our letter dated 3 April 1991 and backed by documents and irrefutable pieces of evidence which are in the hands of the Iraqi authorities, show that the Iranian Government has flagrantly violated the provisions of the cease-fire and withdrawal agreed upon by the two parties under the auspices of the United Nations.

In this connection, my Government will make available in due course, with supporting evidence, further information which proves beyond dispute that the Government of Iran was involved in the preparations for the subversive actions, and that it is inciting them and participating in them directly, in violation of the commitments it has entered into to respect the Iraqi peace initiatives aimed at settling the disputes between the two countries in accordance with Security Council resolution 598 (1987), under the auspices of the United Nations.

My country's Government again holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for these acts of subversion and for the ensuing destruction which has resulted from its direct and active participation in these operations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative